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In re Patent No. 6,826,500
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Application No. 09/681,949
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Patentees: Steven Eric Linthicum, et. al.

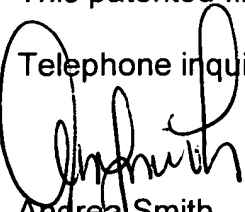
This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed on November 16, 2011, to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **dismissed as moot**.

A review of the record shows that the patent issued on November 30, 2004. On November 16, 2011, petitioner submitted the present petition with an authorization to charge the listed deposit \$2,850 for the 7 ½ year large entity maintenance fee and \$1,640 for the unintentional late payment surcharge. However, the window for paying the 7 ½ year maintenance fee opens on November 30, 2011¹. Therefore, since the above-identified patent is not expired, the present petition is unnecessary. No fees have been charged to petitioner's deposit account.

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¹ The 7 ½ year maintenance fee can be paid beginning on November 30, 2011, or with a surcharge on or after May 31, 2012.